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Amendments to the Specification:

Please delete previous abstract at page 13 and add the following amended abstract:

B1
A message screening system includes routing to a supervisory recipient an ~~electronic~~ instant message or a chat room message directed to an intended recipient. The supervisory recipient then is allowed to screen the ~~electronic~~ instant message or the chat room message by approving or rejecting the ~~electronic~~ message. The ~~electronic~~ instant message or the chat room message then is forwarded to the intended recipient if the ~~electronic~~ message is approved by the supervisory recipient.